morrow we shall get our £4-pounders up so as to make a breach, and as soon as it is practicable we shall deliver a general assault *en masse.*

8th. Last night at ten o'clock we captured the breach tower.

9th. This wretched clump of hovels has cost me many lives and much time. But things have gone so far that we must make a last attempt. If I succeed, as I hope and believe, I shall raise and arm all Syria. I shall march on Damascus and Aleppo. As I advance, I shall swell my ranks with all the discontented; I shall announce the end of slavery and of the tyrannous rule of the pashas. I shall reach Constantinople at the head of an armed multitude. I shall establish in the East a new and great Empire. If I fail in the last assault I mean to deliver, I shall leave at once, as time is pressing. I cannot reach Cairo before the middle of June.

As Kleber's division is on the point of arriving, the intention of the general-in-chief is that as soon as this division is rested it shall move to the breach to attack and capture the city.

Night :

The troops will leave camp at two o'clock in the morning and march to the positions allotted to them in the